

**ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION IN PARKS
AND PUBLIC LANDS PROGRAM (49 U.S.C. § 5320)**

SAFETEA-LU established the Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands (ATPPL) program under 49 U.S.C. § 5320. The program is administered by FTA in partnership with the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service. The purpose of the program is to enhance the protection of national parks and Federal lands, and increase the enjoyment of those visiting them. DOI, after consultation with and in cooperation with FTA, determines the final selection and funding of projects.

The program funds capital and planning expenses for alternative transportation systems such as buses and trams in federally-managed parks and public lands. Ten percent of the funds are reserved for administration and technical assistance. Federal land management agencies and State, tribal and local governments acting with the consent of a Federal land management agency are eligible to apply.

Projects are competitively selected. Projects must conserve natural, historical, and cultural resources, reduce congestion and pollution, and improve visitor mobility and accessibility. No more than 25 percent may be allocated for any one project.

In FY 2007 6 grantees were obligated a total of \$8.8 million under this program.